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WOMAN, this WAR will touch YOUR home.

YOUR home is certain to be touched by the war in which we are engaged. It may seem remote and impersonal to you now, but you must not permit this impression to so persist as to bring you bitter, life-long regrets which will cloud the rest of your days.

It is true that in the first call for men, the ages are confined to 21 to 30 inclusive. But we may find it necessary to put three million men or more in the field. Don't you know that in our Civil War, men of sixty and boys of sixteen fought shoulder to shoulder before the war was done? Don't you know that Sixty and Sixteen are fighting shoulder to shoulder today, somewhere in France?

Be very certain of one thing, this war will touch your home in some way, either through son, father, brother or someone very dear to you, before the war is done.

Is your husband past fifty? How long could he stand sleeping in the mud of a first line trench--standing ankle deep in the water of it--through a week of rain?

Is your brother or son under twenty? Have you seen him toss in fever or gasp in pneumonia?

Let us hope and pray that they will not be called -- but do not let us blind ourselves to the possibility that they MAY be called. Remember, twenty million men are fighting today, and twenty million men have been killed, shell-torn, mangled, blinded, wounded, and invalidated before this. All Europe is aflame, and we are just going in. WAKE UP to it. We are at WAR--and you may pay with bitter years of sorrow if you fail to open your eyes to it today.

Let's be SAFE

Let us so conduct the arming and equipping of our first million men, the financing and the feeding of our Allies, that no more men need be sent that YOUR man need not go.

It has always been women's part to bring comfort and alleviate suffering. Suffering, impaired health and the most extreme discomforts are inseparable from war. It has always been the women's part -- it has always been the blessed duty of womanhood -- to alleviate this. It is of most vital importance that our men, whether actively at the front or in training camps in this country, be equipped to the highest degree of efficiency. We want our boys to have steel trench helmets to protect them against shells that burst overhead. They have none today. They must have gas masks -- they must be protected against liquid fire which sears flesh from the bones in an instant. The difference of cost between two grades of socks -- a slightly superior quality of under-clothing may ward off pneumonia, may repel consumption, may keep some boy's life from being shattered.

How Would YOU Feel?

You can help save the lives of many boys. You can preserve them from extreme discomfort, from serious danger, and, as you will do in this emergency, just so the mother's, sisters, sweethearts of the whole nation will do. As you want them to feel, and act, and do, to safeguard the lives of all the young men of the nation, so you must feel, and do. You must exert all your strength, for the nation needs your help, NOW.

If your husband, your father, your brother, son or sweetheart were at the front and wounded, or ill, or suffering in any way, you would give all you possess, every penny, your jewels, your every treasure, to help him -- and instantly -- wouldn't you? Think then, how the women-folk of the million who will go must feel today. Do your part NOW for them, that all the nation may repay you in kind, if your very dearest is called to face WAR somewhere in France, before we have won a final victory.

How to Help

It is vitally necessary that the Liberty Loan be fully subscribed immediately in order to equip our boys RIGHT. The Government has offered for sale two billions of bonds in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500 and upwards. Your plain duty is to buy as many of these bonds as you can. They can be bought on the partial payment plan. The first payment need only be 2 per cent -- \$2 on a \$100 bond. Any one with any pocket money or an allowance of any kind can find no excuse for not buying at least one \$50 bond. You can make the initial payment of \$2 if you please, and pay the rest out of your savings. You can buy a bond through your husband's boss by paying \$1 a week. You can go to your bank, to your husband's bank, or any bank, or your husband's employer, and they will receive you, not only cordially, but with all the respect and honor due to an American woman serving her country.

As Good as Gold

And remember that this bond is the soundest investment in the world. It is a first mortgage on the United States -- a piece of the wealth of the wealthiest of nations. It pays you interest at 3 1/2 per cent. You are saving for yourself, the very money you save lives with.

Do something today to save the lives that you know you can aid in saving. Subscribe yourself to one or more bonds, get your friends to subscribe, give a Liberty Loan Bridge, or a Liberty Loan Tea, or some form of entertainment which will raise funds to buy bonds with.

It IS your Duty: It should be and must be your Pride and Privilege, to do this work.

HELP THE RED CROSS

By JOHN B. MILLER

(Mr. Miller was appointed by President Wilson to take charge of the American Red Cross War Fund for the territory west of the Mississippi.)

If you are a real American, you must contribute to the War Fund of the Red Cross during the week of June 18th to 25th, whether you believe yourself able or not. If you are a real American it is not a question of giving from your surplus -- you must give and keep on giving until you can give no more, and, even after that, you must keep on.

We are at war, but we do not realize what war is, and, if the Red Cross is able to do its full duty, we will never know what war can be.

Do you know what the Red Cross does? Some day, "Somewhere in France" when our soldiers are in the trenches, a line of American boys will leap over the top of their trenches, slip through the barbed wire, and, in face of high explosive shells, gas, liquid fire, shrapnel, grenades, machine gun and rifle fire, face the barbed wire in front of enemy trenches for the bare chance of meeting bayonet with bayonet, other boys no more to blame for this war than they are.

You know what the loss will be. You know that after Ypres the Princess Pats had only 127 men alive out of the 689 that saw the sun come up that day.

What of the fallen? If the Red Cross is ready, the Ambulance Corps of the fighting regiments will carry the wounded back through the communicating trenches to the dressing station. Here Red Cross surgeons, under the direct control of the United States Medical Department will give first aid. The wounded will be turned over to Red Cross ambulances, and carried back to the Red Cross field hospital for immediate attention. From the Red Cross field hospital, Red Cross ambulances, Red Cross trains and, in France, even Red Cross canal boats will carry the men back to the Red Cross base hospitals. If the wound is not fatal a Red Cross convalescing station will take care of the soldier till he is ready to go back to the front. If the man is disabled a Red Cross steamer will bring him back to America, and the Red Cross receiving station here will care for him, send him home and on top of that look after his family after he is wounded just as it will have looked after his family all the time he has been away.

Do you know what this means? In the old days before the Red Cross came, 600 soldiers died out of every 1000 wounded. Today under proper conditions the percentage is not over 5 per cent.

If your boy was wounded every dollar you have in the world would go willingly to put him in Red Cross hands. Sixty thousand Los Angeles boys registered June 5th for the draft. How many of them will require Red Cross aid within the next two years?

The Red Cross is not a hit or miss organization, grabbing a dollar here and a dollar there and wasting the money. It is one of the five offensive and defensive arms of every civilized government on the face of the earth.

Every dollar that comes in is spent by the best business men in America for supplies and materials designated by the Medical Department of the United States Army, the department that has stamped out yellow fever as well as other great national scourges.

Ex-President Taft is the chairman of the Red Cross. A partner in the house of Morgan is its Financial Chief. Its accounts are audited by the War Department. Its existence and operations are directed under special Acts of Congress, and President Wilson himself, by executive order, established the Executive Committee under which the Red Cross is now being managed.

The Red Cross is therefore a part of the fighting forces of the government and must be supported as such. This support will be easy enough to get -- when that support is too late. Let the toll of one battle mount -- as it often does -- to 25,000 men or more! With the hospitals overcrowded and our own men dying for want of attention, the response to the Red Cross call will roll in fast enough -- but then it will be too late.

Don't you be one of those to hold back until that time. Don't be a slacker. You inevitably will contribute. Why not now?

On Honor Roll

The Exchange bank has just received notice from State Bank Examiner Van Stone that it has been placed on the honor roll, it being the fourth state bank to secure this coveted position. To be eligible to the honor roll a bank must have a surplus equal to, or greater than its capital. The Exchange bank's surplus now is \$50,000, which equals its capital. The bank examiner also states that he is assigning serial numbers to state banks, seniority of its charter governing the number. In this respect the Exchange is second in the state, only one other state bank in New Mexico being older. Age, solidity and growing resources are substantial assets.

Card of Thanks

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to the friends who aided us during the illness of our husband and father and who accorded us such kindly sympathy at his death.

Mrs. J. D. RASH

J. D. Rash Dies

Last Saturday night at 11:35 J. D. Rash passed to the great beyond. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Monday afternoon, Rev. J. M. Gardner officiating. Interment was made in the local cemetery. Mr. Rash had been in ill health for some months, though going about his accustomed duties until a few days prior to his death.

J. D. Rash was born in Parker county, Texas, in 1857, and lived the greater part of his life in the Lone Star state. He had been a member of the Baptist church for thirty-five years. Two years ago he came with his family to Lincoln county. A wife and seven children survive, six sons and one daughter. All the family was present at the funeral save one son who lives near Portales and did not receive the sad tidings in time to attend. The community deeply sympathizes with the bereaved family.

Orphan G. G. Rash passed through Friday afternoon at the residence of his mother, Mrs. J. D. Rash.

Any Bank in Lincoln County Will Take Your Subscription

The Exchange Bank, Carrizozo, N. M.
The Lincoln State Bank, Carrizozo, N. M.

The Stockmens State Bank, Corona, N. M.
The First National Bank, Carrizozo, N. M.

